

Abstract

A handle assembly comprises a handle, a handle spigot to which the handle is attached, biasing means to bias the handle to a naturally closed position, an operating
5 plate which is rotatable by the handle spigot, a mounting stock, and a housing, the
spigot, biasing means, operating plate and a majority of the mounting stock being
positioned within the housing, the mounting stock being securable to the housing to
hold all said the components within the housing. In this manner, the handle assembly
can be made as a "complete" unit with all the internal components being in position
10 and with the handle being rotatably attached relative to the housing. Thus, no separate
rose is required. Another advantage is that the unit can be assembled using a
substantially concealed fixing arrangement to improve security and also to improve
the aesthetic appeal of the assembly.